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SUBJECT : Storage of Vital Documents

l. I have today discussed with Lt. Col. Harshall, Office, Chief of Staff, U. S. Army, and Maj. A. T. Schrader, Signal Corps (Room SA910, National Defense Building, Ex. 4748), the semminisation facilities which might be available to CIA to be considered in "Disaster Planning."

The Chief Signal Officer has, as a part of the Army's emergency plans, certain decentralization expedients for immediate and longer range communications after a disaster. And also a counter-satotage emergency plan. In essence they are:

as An emergency command post at the Headquarters

of the Army Ground Forces, Fort Monroe, Va. Gommuniomtion facilities are available there in a stand-by
status for contact with the six Armies (1- Fort Jay,
Governor's Island, M. Y., 2- Fort George G. Mende, Md.,
3- Fort McPherson, Ga., 4- Fort Sam Houston, Tex.,
5- Chicago, Ill., and 6- the Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.) These facilities are inadequate for
full time communications with all Armies. They
will have to be scheduled and will be limited to
"command messages."

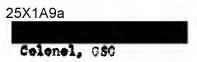
b. A stand-by team (stationed at Fort Mormouth, W. J.) with sufficient equipment available for dispatch to a point to be designated as an alternate Gormand Post. These facilities are capable of expansion to replace the full Army facility now in the Pentagon Building.

ef reestablishing Zone of Interior communications within two to three hours and overseas communications within the same time IT the transmitters at Battery Point (42 miles air line from the Pentagon) are not

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- 4. A plan for recatablishing CIA (050) communications in the event those are put out of action. This plan is available to the communications people of 050.
- 3. It is to be assumed that the various Armies have communications facilities to tis-in to the Army Headquarters each of the posts under their command. It is further to be assumed that the Air Force Bases are within such a net work, possibly the same. (This will be explored by ICAPS.) In most cases, under the present organisation of the Army and the Air Force, the posts or bases are located at some distance from the industrial centers in the United States. The possibility of using Army Posts or Air Force Bases as "rallying points" for GIA should therefore be explored.



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